

REMARKS

Specific support for the newly submitted claims may be found in the detailed description of the invention, particularly the discussion at pages 61-76, the examples and the original claims specifically claims 44-94, 116-160, 168-193 et. seq.

As noted above, all of the newly submitted claims are directed to functional assays for identifying compounds that activate or modulate the activation of the T1R1/T1R3 umami taste receptor. These compounds potentially can be used to enhance or inhibit umami-associated taste in humans and animals.

Based on the foregoing, favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

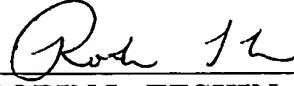
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.
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